

Attention FDA

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of this letter
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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam? by all means I do, that the FDA pay for such an exam, I am old and on a small fixted pension that does not pay for any hearing aids or tests.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I live 75 miles from the nearest place where I my get a test and even then my driving is limited, and public transportation is knell here. I have been wearing hearing aids for over 20 years and I know my hearing capabilities with out a test.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

I am a wwII disabled veteran and I got that way defending my Constitutional rights and I don't want to see what I did be put to waste, just so some can make a buck more on me.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

What other way could people like me get there hearing aids than purchasing it through the mail, I invite Ms. Jane Henney, MD, Commissioner Food and Drug Administration, to look in to the deference in cost of a hearing aid bought in the office of an Audiologists, agents one bought from a hearing aid Co. through the US Mail.

Signed by: Phil Bruce

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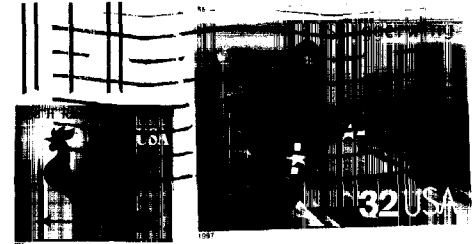
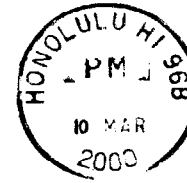
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